



BIOSCIENCES INDUSTRY

REAL-TIME INDUSTRY SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 2024

2023 STATEWIDE LABOR ANALYSIS

There were more than 12,000 online job postings for the Biosciences industry from January 2023 to December 2023. The top occupation was *Veterinarians*, making up 3.0 percent of total industry job postings for the time period.

The top five employers were Bayer Corporation, Pfizer, Millipore Corporation, Bunge, and Merck & Company.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS

SOC Code	Description	Percent of total industry postings	Average Annual Wage
Now- requires short-term on-the-job training, little to no experience, and/or a high school diploma			
31-9096	Veterinary Assistants & Laboratory Animal Caretakers	1.5%	\$33,230
53-7062	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	1.5%	\$38,520 ★
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	1.3%	\$43,280 ★
43-4171	Receptionists & Information Clerks	1.1%	\$34,060
39-2021	Animal Caretakers	0.8%	\$30,920
Next- requires a non-degree certificate, associate degree, apprenticeship, some experience, or moderate-to long-term training			
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	2.1%	\$74,090
41-3091	Sales Reps. of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial, & Travel	2.0%	\$69,370
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, & Weighers	2.0%	\$50,740
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	1.7%	\$38,600
51-9199	Production Workers, All Other	0.0%	\$42,120
Later- requires a bachelor's degree or higher			
29-1131	Veterinarians	3.0%	\$104,380
11-9111	Medical & Health Services Managers	2.5%	\$116,370
11-2022	Sales Managers	2.1%	\$130,680
19-2031	Chemists	2.0%	\$99,370
15-2051	Data Scientists	1.7%	\$88,210

★ Denotes the top 10 occupations by total number of projected openings from 2022-2032 in Now, Next, and Later categories

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Across the state, there are numerous programs in many locations that train for occupations in the Bioscience industry. To find degree and certificate programs at an educational institution near you, visit [MoSCORES](#), a tool designed to assist job seekers, students, career counselors, educators, and planners with a better understanding of training options and typical work outcomes of graduates, for traditional degree programs as well as noncredit credentials. In addition, there are U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship programs for Biosciences occupations in Missouri. Visit [Apprenticeship Missouri](#) for more information.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS

TOP 10 COMMON SKILLS

Communication
Management
Leadership
Operations
Customer Service
Problem Solving
Sales
Detail Oriented
Planning
Writing
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Several soft skills, such as communication, leadership and customer service, ranked in the top 10 requested common skills. Communication skills were requested in nearly half (47%) of total Biosciences job postings.

TOP 10 SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Pharmaceuticals
Project Management
Marketing
Good Manufacturing Practices
Chemistry
Biology
Auditing
Standard Operating Procedure
Process Improvement
New Product Development
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Top specialized skills included pharmaceuticals, project management, and marketing.

TOP 10 SOFTWARE SKILLS

SAP Applications
R (Programming Language)
Operating Systems
Python (Programming Language)
Laboratory Information Management Systems
Salesforce
SQL (Programming Language)
Dashboard
Application Programming Interface (API)
Tableau (Business Intelligence Software)
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Microsoft Office and its products, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access, are the most requested software skills across all industries. Other skills requested in the Biosciences industry include SAP, R, and operating systems.

TOP 10 QUALIFICATIONS

Valid Driver's License
Master Of Business Administration (MBA)
Registered Nurse (RN)
Security Clearance
Project Management Professional Certification
Certified Veterinary Technician
Certified Public Accountant
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification
CDL Class A License
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The top requested qualification was Driver's License followed by Master of Business Administration (MBA), and Registered Nurse (RN).

Sources:

- LightCast™
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